

House Resolution No. 3187

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Jeff L. Cox, a firefighter and paramedic who was called to the scene of a structure fire at 6907 E. 163rd Street on March 9, 2004; and

Whereas, Jeff Cox and his partner, firefighter/paramedic Mark Dodd, were assigned to EMS duty on the ambulance on March 9 and were able to respond more quickly than the other engine and available personnel; and

Whereas, upon arriving at the scene, Jeff Cox and Mark Dodd learned that children were reportedly trapped inside the structure and began to put on their personal protective equipment after becoming aware of the unsuccessful rescue attempts made by the Belton Police Department personnel; and

Whereas, without the benefit of a hose line or a rescue rope, Jeff Cox and Mark Dodd began conducting a search for the missing children; and

Whereas, Jeff Cox and Mark Dodd utilized their training and skill while searching the structure for the children, one of whom they located and safely removed from the burning building; and

Whereas, Jeff Cox and Mark Dodd re-entered the structure to look for a second child who was later determined to be outside the building; and

Whereas, Jeff Cox's brave and heroic actions are a clear demonstration of his steadfast dedication to the mission of Belton Emergency Services to "protect lives and property":

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Jeff Cox at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jeff L. Cox, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3187, adopted May 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker